

Appln No. 10/829,123
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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings have been revised to clearly delineate all the figures. The 6 sheets, which include Figs.1 through 21, replace the original sheets including Figs. 1 through 21.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-16 were pending in this application. All the claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1-3, 8 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated. Claims 4-7 and 9-13 were noted as possibly being given favorable consideration if rewritten to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejection and to be in independent form. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

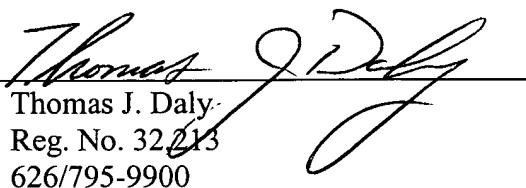
With respect to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, the Examiner noted specific issues for claims 1, 8 and 11. These three claims have been amended herein to address these issues. Moreover, claims 1 and 8 have been amended to be non-narrative, definite and in conformance with current U.S. practice. An effort has been made to eliminate grammatical and idiomatic errors. The claims have been clarified but not narrowed in scope by these amendments.

With respect to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 4, a claim noted by the Examiner as possibly being given favorable consideration. Claim 4 and claims 14 to 16 have been cancelled herein. Remaining claims 2 to 3 and 5 to 13 are dependent either directly or indirectly from amended claim 1. Thus all the claims should now be in condition to be given favorable consideration. Allowance of claims 1 to 3 and 5 to 13 and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

The drawings were objected to based upon the character of lines, numbers, and letters. Corrected drawing sheets are submitted herewith that address these issues. Acceptance of these corrected drawings and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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